

obituaries

RALPH V. ZOBEL

Mr. Zobel, 86, of Farmington died Jan. 15 in Port Arthur, Texas.

He was born March 16, 1893, and lived in Detroit before coming to Farmington seven years ago. Mr. Zobel belonged to Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church.

Survivors include: wife, Helen L.; daughters, Mrs. Geraldine Patterson, Mrs. Jacqueline Clauss and Dona Harper; two sisters, three brothers, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 19 at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home and Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, Farmington. Fr. Kean D. Cronin conducted the service. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

S. STEELE COX JR.

Mr. Cox, 69, died Jan. 17 in his Gardner, Pa. home.

He was born Oct. 19, 1910, in West Virginia. Mr. Cox lived in Farmington for many years. He was a community cooking coordinator for Detroit Edison Co.

Survivors include: wife, Edna Mae; daughters, Mrs. Patricia Miller, Mrs. Donna Martin, Susan, Mrs. Linda Bentley; sons, James L., David S.; sisters, Mrs. Marcia Brown, Mrs. Bernice Cragg; three grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 22 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and Grace Lutheran Church. Pastor Victor F. Halboth Jr. conducted the service. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to a favorite charity.

JESSIE M. STEVENSON

Mrs. Stevenson, 86, died Jan. 18 in Oak Hills Nursing Home, Farmington. She was born in Scotland Feb. 26, 1893, and lived in Rosedale Park, Detroit, since 1949. She was a salesperson for the J.L. Hudson Co. She retired in 1968 after 27 years of service.

Survivors include: daughter, Mrs. Helen Beers of Lansing; son, William of Rochester; five grandchildren. Services were conducted Jan. 21 at Vasa, Rodgers & Connell Funeral Home, Birmingham. Rev. Charles A. Sommers conducted the service. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

FRED R. LEWIS

Mr. Lewis, 78, of Novi died Jan. 22 in Detroit.

He was born Jan. 5, 1902. He was retired from his business as a self-employed window trimmer. He was a member of Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include: wife, Martha; sister, Mrs. Archie Stewart; brother, Charles.

Services were Jan. 25 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Rev. J. Kenneth Hoffmaster conducted the service. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery.

LUIGI DELLAMORA

Mr. DellaMora, 82, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 23 in Mt. Carmel Hospital.

Mr. DellaMora was born March 22, 1897, in Italy. He lived in the Farmington area for 60 years. Mr. DellaMora's firm, Luigi DellaMora Contractor, was involved in the cement contracting field. He retired in 1954. Before his retirement he was involved in construction in the Birmingham area. He was a lifetime member of the Venetian Club.

Survivors include: wife, Regina; sons, Rio, Elito; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 25 at Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Homes, Inc., Detroit, and St. Fabian's Roman Catholic Church, Farmington Hills. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

CHARLES SCHEPOV

Mr. Schepov, 83, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 10 at home.

He was a retired warehouse worker for J.L. Hudson Co. Mr. Schepov was born in Yugoslavia.

Survivors include: wife, Evelyn; daughter, Mrs. Katherine E. Ward of Farmington Hills; grandson, Dale R. Ward.

Private services were conducted for Mr. Schepov. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Michigan Heart Association.

CHARLES F. WOODRUFF

Mr. Woodruff, 47, of Redford died Jan. 11 in Detroit.

Born in Mississippi, Mr. Woodruff lived in Redford for 15 years. He was a draftsman for the Dearborn Design Co. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include: wife, Ann V.; sons, Daniel, David; mother, Lora C.; sisters, Mrs. Velma McInery, Oveda Carter, Mrs. Theda Cannon; granddaughter, Melissa Ann.

Services were Jan. 14 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Private services were scheduled for an later date. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory.

Considerable apprehension about the financial impact of the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment on Farmington public schools did not materialize this year, Superintendent Lewis Schulman told the board of education last week.

"It is our conclusion that with substantial new construction, the rollback feature of Headlee will not be significant for the coming fiscal year," Schulman said in his mid-year review of district progress since July 1979.

There were 892 units built during 1979, compared to 718 in 1978. The 1979-1980 school year began with an estimated 12,555 students. Eight teachers remain on the layoff list as of Jan. 1, 1980.

The year's annual budget projected revenues of \$30,871,155 and expenditures of \$30,538,500. When coupled with a June 30, 1979, fund equity of

\$445,509, the district anticipates a fund equity of \$578,000 at the close of the year.

Schulman recapped other highlights of the first half of the 1979-1980 school year.

They included settlement of a two-year contract with the Farmington Education Association, the union which represents the district's teachers.

Unemployment claims during 1979 were reduced by \$10,000 due to the reduced number of teachers on layoff at the end of the 1978-1979 school year. Eight teachers remain on the layoff list as of Jan. 1, 1980.

THE FOURTH FRIDAY enrollment count of 12,555 students reflected a decline of 572 students. Highmeadow Elementary School will be closed at the end of the school year, in keeping with

the district plan of closing a school building a year because of declining enrollment.

Because new housing accounts for additional children, the administrative estimate of enrollment loss, 650 students, never reached its mark. Schulman said this fact has kept the district flexible enough to continue offering a wide field of elective courses unlike some districts with declining enrollment which have narrowed instructional programs.

While some computers have been purchased for the senior high schools, plans are being made to get computers for middle schools and elementary schools. The budget next year will accommodate planning for a computer program in kindergarten through 12th grade.

During the remainder of the school

year, there will be an emphasis on the shift to a middle school format which will be implemented in September. About 70 staff members have already been tentatively transferred at the elementary, middle and senior high schools for 1980.

After March 1, teachers returning from leave along with teachers with seniority dates later than 1970 will be given teaching assignments. Meanwhile, principals and school staffs are planning parent and student orientations concerning the middle schools.

In the first four months of the school year, Schulman reported Boys Republic was transferred to Shiawassee School; responsibility for education programs at Marillac Hall and the High School Completion Program was transferred to Walled Lake Schools; and the district media center for teachers was shifted to Shiawassee School.

Widow killer to be given life sentence

Daniel Meyers will be sentenced to life in prison Monday for the June 1978 beating death of an elderly West Bloomfield widow.

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Francis O'Brien is mandated by state law to impose the life sentence for a first-degree murder conviction.

Meyers, 22, was found guilty Dec. 20 on two counts of first-degree murder in the slaying of Gladys Smith, 72. Mrs. Smith was found beaten to death in her home on Pontiac Trail near Hagerty.

Her home had been ransacked and robbed.

Charles Meyers, Daniel's brother, was acquitted of the same murder in a concurrent, but separate, trial.

A jury of six men and six women deliberated about eight hours before returning the guilty verdict against Daniel. The verdict was suppressed until another jury, also made up of six men and six women, found Charles, 24, not guilty the next day.

The opposing verdicts probably

stemmed from the difference in evidence allowed in the two trials, said James L. McCarthy, who prosecuted the cases.

Much of that evidence was supplied by Michael Marlow, a prisoner awaiting sentencing for an armed robbery in the state of Texas.

Marlow was recently awarded the \$500 reward offered by West Bloomfield Township for the arrest and conviction of Mrs. Smith's murderer.

It may be some time before Daniel

Meyers actually serves his murder sentence. On Jan. 8, Oakland County Circuit Judge Frederick Ziem sentenced Daniel to 10-50 years and Charles from 20-40 years for their convictions of the armed robbery of a Keego Harbor party store.

In addition the brothers are currently appealing convictions for an armed robbery in Texas where Daniel faces a 99-year sentence and Charles a 25-year sentence.

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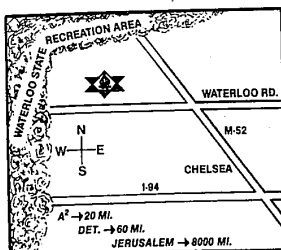
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